

Name Schwab Chest Leader For Campaign

Mervin Schwab, former mayor of Torrance, will be chairman of the commerce and industry division of the fall Community Chest campaign in the Harbor Area.

Schwab, now a member of the Torrance City Council, was appointed by James Visceglia, Harbor area chairman.

Named "Outstanding Citizen" in 1953 by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Rotary Club, Schwab will lead eight teams of volunteers in Harbor area communities that will solicit funds in firms employing more than 10 and less than 200, and among personnel in municipal bodies and schools outside of Los Angeles.

More than 300 volunteers will be needed, according to Schwab, production control manager, American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp.

Schwab has been active in civic and charitable affairs since 1948, when he assumed his present position. He has been with American Standard for 30 years, most of the time in Ohio.



JEANNETTE MONROE . . . South Shore Motors entry in the "Miss Torrance" finals here tomorrow evening is Miss Monroe, who will compete with 13 other Torrance lovelies in the judging at the Civic Auditorium. The contest is sponsored by Torrance Area Youth Bands.

Men, 25-34, Likely to Be Killed in Week End Wrecks

A man between the ages of 25 and 34 driving at an unsafe speed on the open highway during the hours of darkness on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday is most apt to be involved in a fatal traffic accident.

This is indicated by a composite of facts released recently by the California Highway Patrol in their annual statistical report.

"The records show that 1471 out of 2706 fatal traffic accidents during 1954 occurred at night," declared Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell. "Other interesting facts show that well over half our fatal accidents were caused by excessive speed on the open highway during the week ends, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Speed, violations of the right-of-way and drunk driving again led the parade of accident

causes," Caldwell continued. "And the violations continue. This year, the state-wide traffic fatality score is up about nine per cent, and a strong swing to stricter obedience to the traffic rules and regulations is necessary if we are to stop this deadly toll."

The one basic fact still remains year after year, nine out of ten of our traffic accidents are caused by violations of the vehicle code."



AIRMAN IN IDAHO . . . A/C Thomas E. Turgeon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe G. Turgeon, of 2127 Shearer Ave., is now serving as a radar mechanic at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Ida. His unit is part of the 9th Bomb Wing in the Strategic Air Command.

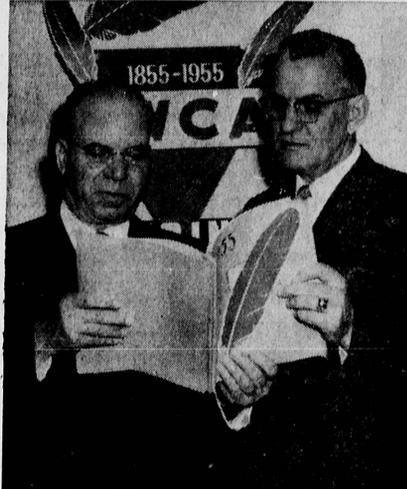
Class Slated For Mothers

The approved method of preparing baby's formula will be demonstrated at the Torrance Expectant Mothers' class today at 1 p.m. in the Torrance Health Center, 2300 W. Carson St., according to Dr. B. A. Kogan, district health officer.

The film, "Your Baby's Formula" will be shown. Prospective parents are invited to attend or other of the classes held each Thursday at 1 p.m. There is no registration fee as the course is under the direction of the County Health Department.

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CHEST LEADER NAMED . . . Councilman Mervin Schwab (right) was named this week to head the commerce and industry division of the fall Red Feather drive. Production control manager at the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp., Schwab confers with James Visceglia, Harbor area chairman.

HR Scouts Plan Dance

Hollywood Riviera Sea Scout Ship 718 hosts its first dance Saturday night at El Retiro Park Clubhouse, Skipper Bob White reported this week.

Crew of the ship "Orion" have invited the Hollywood Riviera Girl Scout Mariners to be their guests.

Other Sea Scout and Girl Scout groups from the South Bay area also have been invited to the affair, as the local scouts prepare to reciprocate for dances they have attended as guests.

Skipper White added that refreshments will be served, including soft drinks and cookies.

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Actress Takes Over As Director Of Torrance Theatrical Group

Prospects of a bright future for the theater in Torrance have brought a young professional actress and director half a continent away from home to work here.

Noralee Benedict, well-known in the Midwest as a director of little theater and as a stock actress has taken up duties as director of ACCENT: Theatre, new Torrance civic drama association, and of the Magic Circle Players of the Jamaica Inn, formerly the Hollywood Riviera Club.

Debut Aug. 11 Miss Benedict will make her local debut Thursday and Friday, Aug. 11 and 12, in the courtyard of the Inn, performing in a triple capacity. She has directed "Twenty Seven Wagons Full of Cotton," Tennessee Williams' study of violence in three scenes, "A Phoenix Too Frequent," Christopher Fry's verse play about idealism, and will act in both plays.

ACCENT: Theatre will sponsor the Thursday and Friday shows as a benefit for its building fund, and every ticket sold will mean profit for its already-growing savings. The general public may come without reservations, however.

"We do not intend to conflict with little theater groups in this area," Miss Benedict explained. "The Magic Circle is strictly independent of ACCENT, too, even though some of its members are active in both."

Work Together Paul Shelley—better known here as Jack Hudson, founding director of ACCENT—will appear as the sadist, Silva Vicario. He and Miss Benedict worked together at the University-Community Playhouse in Kansas City and founded ACCENT: Theatre! of Kansas City. That organization recently closed its second successful season. Von Hershey, director of drama at Torrance High School, who directed and starred in ACCENT's production of "The Fourposter" and who played the lead in Palos Verdes Players' "Autumn Garden," will take the role of Tegus, handsome young soldier, in "Phoenix."

Hershey will play Jake, the



NORALEE BENEDICT . . . Actress-Director

rough-house cotton gin operator, in "Cotton." Playing opposite him is one of his former students, Barbara Whitley, Torrance High school queen, homecoming attendant, and featured performer in Knott's Berry Farm melodramas.



DISCHARGED . . . William W. Thompson, son of Mrs. Amy Thompson, 608 Madrid Ave., was honorably discharged from the Navy this week. The former Structural Mech. Third Class was stationed at the U.S. Naval Receiving Station, Norfolk, Va.

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